

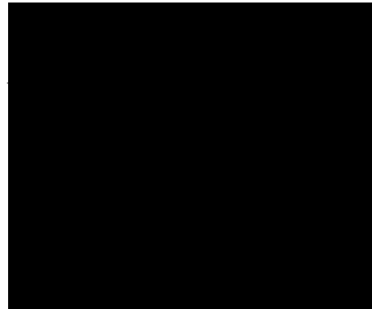
Minutes of the Meeting of the ORE Committee on
International Communism (15 June 1949)

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Presiding: [REDACTED] International Communism Group, Acting Chairman

Present:

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- Western Europe Branch
- Far East/Pacific Branch
- Near East/Africa Branch
- Latin America Branch
- Northern Branch
- Staff Intelligence Group
- Plans and Policy Staff
- Far East/Pacific Branch
- International Organizations Group

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1. [REDACTED] reported on the status of the Army project and stated that the International Communism Group, after studying the material of the ORE branches, the ID files, and the Library of Congress on Mass Action, has come to the conclusion that whatever little material is available, may come from outside sources such as the files of [REDACTED]

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However, material is still expected from the FBI.

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25X1A9a [REDACTED] suggested probing available Latin-American police reports. [REDACTED] referred to reports on Communist activities in Iraq.

25X1A9a 2. [REDACTED] reminded the meeting that papers on Communism be cleared with the International Communism Group, according to Mr. Babbitt's statement in the first meeting of the Committee on 25 May 1949.

3. The question was then discussed as to whether the International Communism Group should work out and submit to the Committee a guide for use of the term "Communism", regarding Communist dominated governments, Communist parties, and different types of Communist factions. It has been noted that there appeared to be a certain looseness in the use of the term. The Committee did not make a decision but will discuss this matter further in the next meeting.

25X1A9a 4. [REDACTED] requested the ICG furnish him with names of Soviet leaders specializing in Latin American affairs and call his attention to whatever articles or reports by the Soviets on Latin America may be available. [REDACTED] promised to do so.

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5. [REDACTED] called the attention of the meeting to the treatment of so-called peace conferences and suggested co-ordination of intelligence concerning both conferences of international and "national" character.

6. Concerning the proposed IM on movements of international Communism as an indicator of future Soviet plans it was decided to wait until the CFM conference is over. The members of the Committee with the concurrence of their respective branches are watching this situation.

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7. [REDACTED] then asked the members of the Committee how they felt about the issuance of a monthly estimate of international Communism and suggested that such an ORI publication consist of two brief parts: First, an area survey of Communist activities to be written by the branches; and second, a summary and estimates of the global Communist situation to be written by the International Communism Group and to be submitted for concurrence by the full Committee.

While the Committee believed that such a publication would be useful, it was decided to request branch concurrence and to report such concurrence at the next meeting of the Committee, together with suggestions as to the form and contents of the monthly. The members of the Committee requested that the Chairman send a memorandum to each of them on the basis of which they will submit the project to their respective front offices.

8. The meeting was adjourned to 22 June 1949, 11:00 A.M., Room 2150 Que Building.

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